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SHIRLEY SWAFFORD: Hi. I am deeply concerned

33 | 7 about the dangers of transportation. There is no
| 8 possible way that the Department of Energy can guarantee
34 | 9 the shipments of high-level nuclear hazardous waste will
|10 be safe as they travel through city streets and states
35 |11 across our country. It takes just one nuclear accident
|12 that can cause unbelievably catastrophic results.

36 |13 During the cold war, security was extremely
|14 tight, when everything was a deep dark secret, when
37 |15 every subject was based on a need-to-know basis. Today
|16 there are no secrets. There are well-trained terrorists
38 |17 out there with all types of sophisticated equipment in
|18 the ways and means of controlling and obtaining
39 |19 information on plutonium as it travels to its final
|20 destinations.

40 |21 Sensors up at Yucca Mountain are meaningless.
|22 I believe all shipments will be controlled by computers.
41 |23 Won't a good computer hacker have a ball with that?

42 |24 I do have a question. Will the individuals
|25 driving these huge semi's, as they pass by our

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43 | 1 neighbor's home on their way to Nevada, be required to
| 2 have proper security clearance?

44 | 3 When we discuss Yucca Mountain, we must not
| 4 forget that Nevada is in the top three states of active
45 | 5 earthquake faults. And now an interesting rumor has
| 6 been added to the equation. We will resume our
46 | 7 underground testing. How will that affect the
| 8 Department of Energy's latest environmental impact
47 | 9 statement?

|10 Nevada has done much for its country: We
48 |11 accept all types of low-level waste garbage at the
|12 Nevada test site. In the past, 714 underground tests
49 |13 were performed. And what about all those tests sent
|14 into the atmosphere? Hypothetically, five years down
50 |15 the road, the DOE finds the buried casks have begun to
|16 leak, based on past history beginning with the Atomic
51 |17 Energy Commission. Will the DOE tell the people of our

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|18 country the truth? Here we have leaking casks
52 |19 containing 77,000 tons of high-level nuclear hazardous
|20 waste. And what do we do with it?
53 |21 Thank you.